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SUBJECT: SENGHOR STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF US ROLE IN MIDDLE

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1. UNDER FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE "PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST DEPENDS IN PART ON CARTER," MARCH 10 DAKAR LE SOLEIL REPORTS HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR IN CAIRO PREVIOUS DAY. SENGHOR IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "ON THE PALESTINIAN SIDE AS ON THE ISRAELI SIDE THEY ARE READY FOR NEGOTIATIONS BUT THEY AWAIT PRESSURE." HE REPORTEDLY OBSERVED THAT LARGE PART OF SOLUTION TO PROBLEM WAS IN HANDS OF PRESIDENT CARTER. FOR THAT REASON, SENGHOR SAID, "I EXPECT MUCH OF THE VISITS TO BE MADE TO THE UNITED STATES BY CERTAIN ARAB LEADERS."

2. CONCERNING CAIRO SUMMIT, SENGHOR REPORTEDLY SAID ESSENTIAL REASON FOR AFRO-ARAB SOLIDARITY WAS NOT STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM BUT RATHER GEOGRAPHIC, HISTORICAL, AND CULTURAL TIES UNITING THE TWO COMMUNITIES. HE URGED NEGRO-AFRICANS TO ASSIMILATE FERTILE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ARAB CULTURE AND VICE-VERSA. UNCLASSIFIED

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3. REITERATING HIS OFTEN-EXPRESSED PESSIMISM ON RESULTS OF NORTH-SOUTH TALKS. SENGHOR ARGUED THAT ONLY DISAPPEARANCE OF UNEQUAL (TERMS OF) TRADE COULD LAY TRUE BASIS FOR DIALOGUE. HE ASSERTED THAT AID OF PETROLEUM PRODUCERS TO AFRICA WAS LARGER THAN THAT OF ALL OECD COUNTRIES TOGETHER.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER SIGNIFICANT DETAILS ON SENGHOR REMARKS AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY CAIRO. AGGREY

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